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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, below is a complete listing of all claims in the application.

[c01] (Currently Amended) A driver cap assembly, comprising:

a tubular body having a closed proximal end, an elongated shank, and an open distal end, wherein a first portion of the closed proximal end flares outward from a proximal end of the elongated shank towards a second portion of the closed proximal end, and wherein an interior of the elongated shank and the open distal end comprise a longitudinal bore, the longitudinal bore having an interior wall defining a longitudinal axis of the body; and

~~a body having a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal bore extending from the proximal end towards the distal end, the longitudinal bore having an open end at the proximate end and terminating at an end wall in the body, the longitudinal bore having an interior wall defining a longitudinal axis of the body, the body also comprising a concentric and outwardly flaring portion at the distal end; and~~

~~a sleeve inserted into and sliding within the longitudinal bore of the body, the sleeve comprising another longitudinal bore having an open end for sliding onto an end of a shafted body.~~

~~a driver sleeve having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinally extending shank from the first end towards the second end, an exterior surface of the longitudinally extending shank having a complimentary shape to mate with an interior surface of the longitudinal bore of the tubular body such that when the exterior surface is mated with the interior surface, the longitudinally extending shank extends to the open distal end of the body, and the second end having a driver sleeve wherein the exterior shape and dimensions of the driver sleeve is controlled by the shape of the longitudinal bore and wherein an interior of the driver sleeve comprises a second longitudinal bore, the an~~

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interior of the second driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about a proximal end of a shafted body.

[c02] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, the driver cap assembly comprising at least one of the following materials:

paper;
cloth;
metal;
polymer;
plastic;
ceramic;
glass; and
crystal.

[c03] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 2, wherein the material is a colored material.

[c04] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, wherein the body has a cylindrical shape.

[c05] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, wherein the body has polygonal shape.

[c06] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, wherein the body has hexagonal shape.

[c07] (Currently Amended) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, a cross section of the elongated shank of the tubular body having a rectangular shape.

[c08] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, wherein the diameter of the second portion of the closed proximal end is at least one inch.

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[c09] (Original) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, wherein the length of the elongated shank is at least two inches.

[c10] (Currently Amended) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, the interior of the driver sleeve second longitudinal bore having a diameter of at least one centimeter.

[c11] (Currently Amended) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, wherein all exterior edges of the tubular body are rounded.

[c12] – [c18] (Cancelled)

[c19] (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

positioning a driver cap assembly over a proximal end of a shafted body, comprising:

~~— a tubular body having a closed proximal end, an elongated shank, and an open distal end, wherein a first portion of the closed proximal end flares outward from a proximal end of the elongated shank towards a second portion of the closed proximal end, and wherein an interior of the elongated shank and the open distal end comprise a longitudinal bore;~~

~~— a driver sleeve wherein the exterior shape and dimensions of the driver sleeve is controlled by the shape of the longitudinal bore and wherein an interior of the driver sleeve comprises a second longitudinal bore, the interior of the second longitudinal bore adapted to fit about the proximal end of the shafted body; and~~

~~— a body having a closed proximal end, an elongated shank, and an open distal end, wherein a first portion of the closed proximal end flares outward from a proximal end of the elongated shank towards a second portion of the closed proximal end, and wherein an interior of the elongated shank and the open distal~~

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end comprise a longitudinal bore, the longitudinal bore having an interior wall defining a longitudinal axis of the body,

a driver sleeve having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinally extending shank from the first end towards the second end, an exterior surface of the longitudinally extending shank having a complimentary shape to mate with an interior surface of the longitudinal bore of the tubular body such that when the exterior surface is mated with the interior surface, the longitudinally extending shank extends to the open distal end of the body, and the second end having a driver sleeve longitudinal bore, an interior of the driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about a proximal end of a shafted body; and

applying a force to the proximal end of the driver assembly such that a distal end of the shafted body is driven into a surface.

[c20] (New) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, the first end of the driver sleeve having another driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about another proximal end of another shafted body, the another driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the first end having a different shape than the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end.

[c21] (New) The driver cap assembly of claim 1, the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end having a planar closed end.

[c22] (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the first end of the driver sleeve comprises another driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about another proximal end of another shafted body, the another driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the first end having a different shape than the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end.

[c23] (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end comprises a planar closed end.